

Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Proceeding 16-106 - Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other
Telecommunications Services

Mr. Wheeler,

As chairman of the committee to formulate rules on the internet you should be looking at this from the consumer point of view. The internet does not need regulation per se, what it needs is for the playing field to level so that small business' can flourish without mega-media companies like Google and Time Warner (to name a couple of them) "throttling" traffic to those who can pay the most. That dates back to about the 13th century when only the aristocracy could enforce the law because they were the only people that money to pay the police to enforce it.

It is in the best interest of the consumer to have no rules or regulations; except as stated earlier to prevent large media companies from stifling competition from small start-up business'.

This consumer does not have all the answers; however, we do know what we do not want.

With regard to the original legal proceeding that started this process, it is my understanding that Time-Warner in NY wanted to charge large customers by how much bandwidth they used. I am a professional engineer and from my consumer perspective they simply want to charge the biggest consumer of their resources the most money. That is all well and good, except for one thing; that cost will be passed on to the subscribers of that service, and at some point only the well-to-do will be able to afford internet service. Which if taken to its logical extreme, could lead to fewer educational opportunities for the poorer neighborhoods. I am not an on society or its behavior, I could always be wrong on this one comment. But, the government knows the least about its people and how they choose to spend their money and time.

Online classes have been the greatest thing for education and giving people opportunities to improve themselves and the life for their families. If they cannot afford internet service, that opportunity will go away.

These regulations not in the public interest, and only serve to allow the 800 pound gorilla to become a 1200 pound gorilla, at which point likely even the government will not be able to reel them in.

A perfect example of the government not being able to reel in a company. The original anti-trust action against Microsoft and Intel (a.k.a. Win-Tel) eventually the government won, the problem was that it took them so long that the damage to other business' had already been done. AMD (in this engineers opinion) makes some of the fastest and most cost effective CPU's per \$ spent. Unfortunately, not enough consumers realize that because of the length of the legal action and the billion dollars worth of advertising.

You have been caught, please act in the best interest of the consuming public, do not allow these violations of privacy occur. Digital theft is one of this country's fastest growing problems.

Special interest groups only want their way, regardless of the public interest.

Sincerely,
Tracy Black, PE